

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4.

Please add Claims 43 and 44.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 5 to 11, 13, 19 and 21 to 31 as follows:

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1 (Amended). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper channel, a lower channel, a first side perimeter edge and a second side perimeter edge;

b) said first holding wall member having mounted thereon a first curtain rod holding prong member and a second curtain rod holding prong member;

c) said upper channel for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper channel, a lower channel, a third side perimeter edge and a fourth side perimeter edge;

e) said second holding wall member having mounted thereon a third curtain rod holding prong member and a fourth curtain rod holding prong member;


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f) said upper channel for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device; and

g) said curtain rod holding prong members are for receiving one or more curtain rods thereon.

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3(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first curtain rod holding prong member includes a first side wall having an upper first prong tab member thereon, and said second curtain rod holding prong member includes a second side wall having an upper second prong tab member thereon.

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5(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said third curtain rod holding prong member includes a third side wall having an upper third prong tab member thereon, and said fourth curtain rod holding prong member includes a fourth side wall having an upper fourth prong tab member thereon.

6(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 5, wherein said upper second and fourth prong tab members of said second and fourth curtain rod holding prong members are used to receive an inner first flat curtain rod thereon, and said upper first and third prong tab members of said first and third curtain rod holding prong members are used to receive an outer second flat curtain rod thereon.

 7(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first and third curtain rod holding prong members are centrally positioned on said first and third side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

8(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said second and fourth curtain rod holding prong members are centrally positioned on said second and fourth side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

9(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first and second curtain rod holding prong members on said first holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

10(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said third and fourth curtain rod holding prong members on said second holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

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11(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said first holding wall member includes a first holding arm member having a first set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said first set of one or more rod holding sections of said first holding arm member for holding in place one end of a cylindrical curtain rod.

6. *Amended*
13(Amended). Curtain mounting bracket in accordance with Claim 11, wherein said second holding wall member includes a second holding arm member having a second set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said second set of one or more rod holding sections of said second holding arm member for holding in place the other end of a cylindrical curtain rod.

7. *Amended*
19(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said brackets are made from durable, rigid moldable plastics or from light-weight stamped metals.

21(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more flat curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper channel, a lower channel, a first side perimeter edge and a second side perimeter edge;

b) said first holding wall member having attached thereto a first curtain rod holding prong member having a first side wall with an upper first prong tab member thereon, and said first holding wall member having attached thereto a second curtain rod holding prong member having a second side wall with an upper second prong tab member thereon;

c) said upper channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper channel, and a lower channel, a third side perimeter edge and a fourth side perimeter edge;

e) said second holding wall member having attached thereto a third curtain rod holding prong member having a third side wall with an upper third prong tab member thereon, and said second holding wall member having attached thereto a fourth curtain rod holding prong member having a fourth side wall with an upper fourth prong tab member thereon;

f) said upper channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device; and

g) said upper second and fourth prong tab members of said second and fourth curtain rod holding prong members receive the inner first flat curtain rod thereon, and said upper first and third prong tab members of said first and third curtain rod holding prong members receive the outer second flat curtain rod thereon.

22(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said first and third curtain rod holding prong members are centrally positioned on said first and third side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

23(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said second and fourth curtain rod holding prong members are centrally positioned on said second and fourth side perimeter edges of said first and second holding wall members, respectively.

24(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said first and second curtain rod holding prong members on said first holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

25(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said third and fourth curtain rod holding prong members on said second holding wall member are in a parallel relationship with each other.

26(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said brackets are made from durable, rigid moldable plastics or from light-weight stamped metals.

27(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein said brackets may hold in excess of five (5) pounds of weight when in an assembled state and in operational use thereof.

28(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein each of said holding wall members have a height dimension of $1 \frac{1}{4}$ inches, a width dimension of $\frac{7}{8}$ of an inch and a wall thickness in the range of $\frac{1}{32}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch.

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29(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein each of said curtain rod holding prong members have a height dimension of $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, a width dimension of $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch, and a wall thickness dimension in the range of $\frac{1}{32}$ to $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch.

30(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 21, wherein each of said holding wall members include two or more of said curtain rod holding prong members.

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31(Amended). Curtain mounting brackets for curtain rods for use with conventional blind bracket mounting devices of a blind assembly for attaching one or more cylindrical curtain rods thereon in order to hold a curtain and/or valance thereto, comprising:

a) a first bracket housing including a first holding wall member having an upper channel, and a lower channel;

b) said first holding wall member having a first holding arm member mounted thereon with a first set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said first set of one or more rod holding sections of said first holding arm member for holding in place one end of the cylindrical curtain rod;

DA c) said upper channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said first holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing one end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices;

d) a second bracket housing including a second holding wall member having an upper channel, and a lower channel;

Set e) said second holding wall member having a second holding arm member mounted thereon with a second set of one or more rod holding sections therein, said second set of one or more rod holding sections of said second holding arm member for holding in place the other end of the cylindrical curtain rod;

f) said upper channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to an upper receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device, and said lower channel of said second holding wall member for engaging and being joined to a lower receiving channel of the conventional blind bracket mounting device for preventing the other end of the blind assembly from falling out of the blind bracket mounting device; and

g) said first and second holding arm members for holding in place the ends of one or more cylindrical curtain rods in a parallel relationship with each other.

Please add Claims 43 and 44:

43. Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said upper and lower channels of each of said first and second holding wall members is U-shaped for slidably receiving each of said upper and lower receiving channels, respectively.

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a 44. Curtain mounting brackets in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said upper and lower receiving channels' of each of the blind bracket mounting devices has a locking lip for preventing each of said first and second holding wall members from falling out of the blind bracket mounting devices.
